

The Barnes County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 with Cindy Schwehr, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carblom, Pete Paulson, and Shawn Olauson present. Chairman Carblom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., roll-call was taken, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Agenda was reviewed.

**Extension – National 4-H Week**

Sue Milender, Barnes County Extension, introduced Alyssa Thomsen and Allison Bryn, ND 4-H State Ambassadors selected to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia this November 2023. Both young ladies are Barnes County 4-Hers. Vicky Lovell moved to approve proclamation of the week of October 2 – 6, 2023 as Barnes County 4-H Week; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**County of Barnes Proclamation  
4-H Week  
October 2 - 6, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, since 1902, America’s 4-H program has served the youth of our nation, emphasizing the importance of the head, heart, hands, and health; and **WHEREAS**, *4-H is the youth development program of North Dakota State University, and is implemented locally by Barnes County Extension along with the help of 4-H volunteers, who are outstanding men and women in their communities; and* **WHEREAS**, *youth who participate in 4-H achieve positive youth development outcomes based on opportunities for supervised independence, a sense of belonging with a positive group, a spirit of generosity towards others, and a wide variety of opportunities to master life’s challenges; and* **WHEREAS**, *almost 60 youth that participate in 4-H activities and 20 volunteers honor a tradition of youth-led, adult-guided programming; and* **WHEREAS**, *young people in 4-H are nearly four times more likely to be engaged in their communities, two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors, and two times more likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programs outside of school than their peers!* **NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARNES COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA do hereby proclaim October 2-6, 2023 to be: NATIONAL 4-H WEEK.**

**Bill Carblom, Chairman**

**Beth M Didier, Auditor**

**Highway Dept – Pickup Quotes**

Jamie Smith, Highway Superintendent, presented bids for purchase of a pickup. Pete Paulson moved to accept the bid of \$49,787.00 from Stoudt-Miller for a 2022 RAM; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. Snowplows will be put on the trucks in two weeks. Snowplow response was discussed.

**Corrections/Environmental Services – G&R Agreement**

Jeremy Wolff, Chief Correctional Office, and Shane Kalbrener, Head of Environmental Services, presented a Preventive Maintenance Agreement with G&R Controls for the Correctional Facility. Cindy Schwehr moved to approve the two-year agreement, with an annual cost of \$5,955.00; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Auditor – Minutes / Software / State Fair Delegates**

Shawn Olauson moved to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes, as well as the September 21, 2023 Special Budget meeting minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Commission discussed whether to stay with CPT or go with Tyler for software. No action was taken, as they wish to consult the State’s Attorney. A decision will be made at the next meeting. Vicky Lovell moved to appoint Alicia Harstad and Doug Muske as State Fair Delegates to attend the annual meeting on November 15, 2023; Cindy Schwehr seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Commission Discussion**

Commission discussion included portfolio updates. Donald Jorissen appeared to discuss who pays for culverts.

**Appraisal for Annual Tax Deed Property Sale**

The Commissioners reviewed the list of properties. Cindy Schwehr moved to set sale prices for each property to be sold at the Annual Tax Deed Sale on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at the cost to cover the delinquent taxes plus the 2023 estimated taxes; Shawn Olauson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”. A hearing will be held on October 17, 2023 at 6 p.m. for the cities and townships affected to discuss the set sale prices.

**Final Budget Approval**

Shawn Olauson moved to set the final 2024 County budget for the 2023 tax statements at \$11,601,794.42 or 120.00 mills; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll-call vote, with all members voting “yes”.

**Bills Approved for September 2023**

**General Fund:** Aflac \$2,403.36, Aflac Group Insurance \$48.51, Amazon Capital Services \$196.76, Andrew S

Marquart \$702.00, Bakkegard & Schell \$239.40, Barnes County \$414.50, Barnes Rural Water \$891.20, Bek Communications Cooperative \$489.99, Boiler Inspection Program \$140.00, Bridge City Dentistry \$234.00, Buffalo Bridges Hsz \$9.85, Bureau Of Records \$10.00, Carlblom, Taylor \$234.85, Carlblom, William \$78.82, Cass County Electric \$1,048.24, Central Business Systems \$7,088.30, Centurylink Az \$1,280.77, Cintas Corp II \$333.16, City County Health District \$8,250.00, Cole Papers Inc. \$1,251.81, Colonial Life Insurance \$166.17, Consolidated Correctional Foodserv \$22,281.62, Counties Providing Technology \$2,615.00, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$1,941.00, Dacotah Bank Sd \$12,446.47, Dacotah Paper Co. \$121.74, Dakota Central Telecommunications \$21.00, Dbs Technologies Llc \$600.00, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$337.00, Duffy, Tonya \$45.85, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$419.40, Enterprise Sales Co. \$2,500.00, Fat Man Trash Llc \$2,919.00, First International Insurance \$7.00, Fmj Electric Llc \$125.00, Forum Communications Printing \$5,102.10, G & R Controls Inc \$150.00, Gruba,Zachary \$25.00, Handy Hardware & Rental \$1,081.94, Hansen-Leier, Stacie \$58.00, High Plains Water Treatment, Inc. \$116.00, Hope Foundation Of North Dakota \$1,511.25, Information Technology Department \$6,097.49, Inter-Community Telephone \$300.00, James-Valley Reg. Lodge #4 \$123.71, K&K Wood \$900.00, Koeplin, Bobby \$67.23, Kotaco \$1,195.56, Leaf \$190.00, Leever Foods \$276.10, Litchville Bulletin \$312.53, Lovell, Victoria \$105.02, Marco \$47.51, Mercy Hospital - Chicago \$2,535.35, Messerli & Kramer \$94.34, Midwest Pest Control \$200.00, Miller, Sarah \$50.00, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$1,798.14, Nd Association Of Counties \$348.98, Nd Attorney General \$3,130.00, Nd Dept Of Corrections & Rehabilit \$75.00, Northwest Iron Fireman, Inc. \$146.72, Nucara Pharmacy \$1,246.15, Penguin Management Inc \$2,430.00, Petro Serve Usa \$4,580.67, Pharmchem Inc \$159.75, Postmaster \$186.00, Puklich Chevrolet Buick Gmc \$2,056.15, Quadient Leasing Usa Inc \$679.38, Ramkota Hotel - Bismarck \$639.19, Record Keepers, Llc \$90.00, Rj's Plumbing & Heating \$2,195.07, Robinson, Adam \$10.00, Roorda, Elizabeth \$58.00, Sanford Health Sd \$1,434.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$594.00, Schwehr, Cindy L \$89.30, Sea Reach Ltd \$32,950.00, Servicemaster Of Valley City \$200.00, Smith Lumber Company \$79.90, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$602.00, Stoudt Miller Inc \$367.84, Stutsman County Correctional Cente \$3,750.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$626.90, The Medicine Shoppe \$28.99, Thomson Reuters -West \$368.01, Underground Vaults & Storage, Inc. \$460.80, Valley City Public Works \$7,123.19, Valley City Times-Record \$944.28, Valley Mortuary Services \$500.00, Valley Officeworks \$407.95, Verizon Wireless \$1,104.10, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$3,780.00, Workforce Safety & Insurance \$250.00, Total For Fund \$167,921.36, **City County Health:** City County Health District \$704.97, Total For Fund \$704.97, **Veterans Service Office:** Aflac \$149.59, Centurylink Az \$22.68, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$75.00, Petro Serve Usa \$355.38, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$54.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$63.10, Verizon Wireless \$113.58, Wagon Wheel Inn Ltd \$1,100.00, Wells Fargo Bank Fbo Robert D Nels \$575.82, Total For Fund \$2,509.15, **County Road And Bridge:** Acme Tools \$154.91, Aflac \$668.90, Aflac Group Insurance \$52.30, Border States Paving, Inc. \$70,786.18, Butler Machinery Co. \$1,551.08, Centurylink Az \$72.59, Chs Dakota Plains Ag \$30,202.13, Colonial Life Insurance \$59.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$445.00, Dallas Sailer Enterprises, Inc \$432.70, Dickey Rural Telephone Coop. \$135.04, Duffy, Gary \$60.00, First International Insurance \$497.00, Groberg Electric, Inc. \$1,085.55, Handy Hardware & Rental \$109.22, Inland Truck Parts & Service \$3,531.22, Kij Engineering Llc \$21,626.77, Kotaco \$4,905.48, Montana-Dakota Utilities \$71.51, Nelson International, Inc. \$1,866.98, Northwest Tire Inc. \$377.48, Olauson, Melinda \$9.65, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow \$121.07, Petro Serve Usa \$35.58, Powerplan Oib \$252.27, R & H Maintenance & Lawn Care \$640.00, Rdo Equipment Co. \$369,700.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$108.00, South Dakota Ltap \$250.00, State Disbursement Unit - North Da \$1,097.00, Superior Vision Services Inc \$86.40, The Valley Glass Shop Llc \$200.00, The Window Man \$89.00, Truenorth Steel \$27,258.72, Valley Auto Parts \$723.42, Valley City Public Works \$714.09, Valley City Times-Record \$369.36, Verizon Wireless \$99.05, Wallwork Truck Center \$196.08, Total For Fund \$540,640.77, **Weed Control:** Aflac \$149.93, Agterra Technologies Inc \$35.00, Barnes Co Highway Dept \$4,499.03, Handy Hardware & Rental \$444.86, Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc \$1,020.00, Valley City Public Works \$49.55, Verizon Wireless \$200.05, Windish, Jamen \$50.00, Total For Fund \$6,448.42, **County Agent:** Aflac \$33.50, Amazon Capital Services \$93.18, Centurylink Az \$15.38, Connect Interiors Llc \$462.37, Dacotah Bank Sd \$1,234.64, Leever Foods \$15.87, Milender, Sue \$50.00, Ndsu Dept 3110 \$63.25, Superior Vision Services Inc \$11.50, Tichy, Amy J \$100.00, Valley Officeworks \$199.98, Total For Fund \$2,279.67, **Farm To Market 15 Mill:** Dallmann Services Company \$7,335.68, Kij Engineering Llc \$2,866.13, Lakeside Construction \$21,000.74, Newman Outdoor Advertising - Jmst \$792.79, Northern Improvement Company \$7,573.76, Ottertail Power Company - Jamestow \$62.58, Strata Corporation \$6,377.27, Total For Fund \$46,008.95, **B.C. Economic Dev Fund:** Vc-Bc Development Corporation \$50,000.00, Total For Fund \$50,000.00, **County Agent Revolving:** Metcalf, Erin \$291.84, Total For Fund \$291.84, **Community Service:** Runge, Jennifer \$182.09, Verizon Wireless \$84.84, Total For Fund \$266.93, **Grants And Projects:** Centurylink Az \$3.02, Swenson, Allison \$428.33, Total For Fund \$431.35, **Soil Conservation:** Barnes Co Soil Conserv. Dist. \$645.25, Total For Fund \$645.25, **Flood Emergency 2011:** Greenland Township \$8,982.58, Hemen Township \$7,649.15, Noltmier Township \$25,187.20, Reid, Ken \$23.75, Rosebud Township \$36,380.00, Sanford Health Occupation Medicine \$54.00, Skandia Township \$5,274.25, Stewart Township \$29,518.29, Thordenskjold Township \$9,571.00, Valley Township \$40,333.34, Weimer Township \$45,737.90, Total For Fund \$208,711.46, **Stewart Drain:** Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$225.00, Total For Fund \$225.00, **Garrison Conservancy Dist:** Garrison Diversion Cons Dist \$789.40, Total For Fund \$789.40, **Airport:** Barnes Co Municipal Airport \$588.06, Total For Fund \$588.06, **State Funds:** Nd State Treasurer \$2,204.90, Total For Fund \$2,204.90, **Older Persons:** South Central Adult Services \$345.50, Total For Fund \$345.50, **Ambulance:** Barnes County Ambulance \$249.71, Total For Fund \$249.71, **Water Resources:** Aflac \$36.75, Anderson, Bruce \$3.93, Centurylink Az \$.04, Dacotah Bank Flex Acct \$50.00, Hieb, Jerry \$113.97, Houston Engineering, Inc. \$19,503.50, Minnesota Valley Testing Laborator \$1,681.24, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$2,408.18, Total For Fund \$23,797.61, **Historical Society:** Barnes Co

Historical Society \$129.69, Total For Fund \$129.69, **Library:** Valley City Public Library \$260.74, Total For Fund \$260.74, **Recorders Preservation Fu:** Nelson, Jodie \$1,855.00, Pfaff, Jody \$1,785.00, Total For Fund \$3,640.00, **Cities:** Dazey \$396.60, Fingal \$479.67, Litchville \$559.16, Sanborn \$400.93, Valley City \$11,957.58, Total For Fund \$13,793.94, **Townships:** Alta \$772.96, Anderson \$334.90, Ashtabula \$396.82, Baldwin \$276.41, Binghampton \$498.19, Brimer \$772.04, Cuba \$495.01, Dazey \$874.39, Eckelson \$475.35, Edna \$449.93, Ellsbury \$332.77, Getchell \$487.81, Grand \$403.91, Green \$615.42, Greenland \$340.31, Hemen \$290.49, Hobart \$509.93, Laketown \$246.64, Mansfield \$270.90, Marsh \$645.54, Meadow \$440.84, Minnie \$368.01, Nelson \$433.31, Noltimier \$486.08, Norma \$411.76, Oakhill \$338.81, Oriska \$333.21, Pierce \$797.09, Potter \$248.99, Raritan \$409.10, Rogers \$243.63, Rosebud \$421.62, Sibley \$354.67, Skandia \$370.09, Spring \$370.34, Springvale \$376.25, Stewart \$319.37, Svea \$340.49, Thordenskjold \$412.88, Uxbridge \$716.47, Valley \$1,330.94, Weimer \$286.73, \$19,300.40, **Park Districts:** Fingal \$9.45, Litchville \$28.58, Sanborn \$26.85, Valley City \$2,216.50, Total For Fund \$2,281.38, **School Districts:** Barnes County North \$6,274.15, Enderlin Area Sd 24 \$276.03, Litchville-Marion \$378.12, Maple Valley \$934.37, Valley City \$6,725.38, \$14,588.05, **Rural Fire Districts:** Dazey \$353.56, Edna \$53.00, Enderlin \$9.93, Fingal \$114.70, Hope \$118.86, Kathryn \$14.41, Nome \$76.18, Page \$38.37, Sanborn \$662.22, Tower City \$60.84, Valley City Rural Fire Protection \$41.45, Wimbledon \$468.44, Total For Fund \$2,011.96, **Thordenskjold Drain:** Houston Engineering, Inc. \$1,819.75, Ohnstad Twichell, P.C. \$1,507.50, Total For Fund \$3,327.25, **Capital Projects:** Bank Of North Dakota \$254,997.20, Total For Fund \$254,997.20, **Covid St & Local Fiscal R:** City Of Oriska \$17,771.62, Electro Watchman, Inc. \$11,310.57, Total For Fund \$29,082.19, Total Warrants \$1,398,473.10

With no further business, Cindy Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Shawn Olauson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Bill Carlblom, Chairman  
Barnes County Commission

Beth M Didier  
Barnes County Auditor